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SUBJECT: GOLD RETRIEVAL

REFERENCES: JIDDA 2456

1. U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE CONFIRMS THAT GOLD IS BEING HELD IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE NORMAL SIXTY-DAY PERIOD DURING WHICH OWNER MUST PETITION FOR RETURN IS BEING EXTENDED BY DISTRICT DIRECTOR, USCS, UNTIL AUGUST 16, 1976.

2. TO OBTAIN GOLD, PARTY CLAIMING OWNERSHIP SHOULD FILE A PETITION WITH MR. DAVID C. HUMPHREYS, DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS, 200 EAST BAY STREET, P.O. BOX 876 REPEAT 876, U.S. CUSTOMS HOUSE, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29402 REPEAT 29402. THERE IS NO PARTICULAR FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR SUCH A REQUEST ('); A SIMPLE WRITTEN REQUEST WILL SUFFICE, BUT TWO POINTS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE REQUEST:

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(A) PARTY PETITIONING MUST PROVE OWNERSHIP. (IN CASE IN

QUESTION THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE BY PROVIDING SERIAL NUMBERS OF GOLD BARS, AND SOME EVIDENCE OF PURCHASE.)

(B) ANY MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH BEAR ON REQUEST (SUCH AS A STATEMENT THAT GOLD WAS UNCLAIMED THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR RESULTING FROM HAJJ TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, OR WHATEVER SAG AUTHORITIES DETERMINE TO BE REASON FOR FAILURE TO CLAIM SHIPMENT).

3. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT SAG EMBASSY WASHINGTON, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF SAG, IS APPROPRIATE PARTY TO FILE REQUIRED PETITION, AND SUGGEST THEY SEND NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO ALIREZA.

4. FYI, WE ARE INFORMED THAT LLOYD'S OF LONDON DID FILE A PETITION TO CLAIM OWNERSHIP, BUT HAS SINCE WITHDRAWN IT. USCS BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE THAT PARTY FOR WHICH LLOYDS WAS ACTING (PRESUMABLY A BANK) MAY YET FILE ITS OWN PETITION BUT AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO PETITIONS TO PROVE OWNERSHIP PENDING. KISSINGER

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